

Cambridge Prevention Coalition:
Questionnaire for Parents with Middle School-Aged Children

INSTRUCTIONS: The Cambridge Prevention Coalition would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to share your opinions about underage drinking. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Your participation is voluntary and anonymous. If you choose to participate, you are free to decline to answer any question on this questionnaire for any reason. If you have any questions, please call (617) 349-6283.

(Note: The questions in this survey ask about underage alcohol use. When questions refer to drinking alcohol, this includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, rum, gin, vodka, or whisky. For these questions, drinking alcohol does NOT include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

Check the response that best reflects what you think.

1. I think _____ of the kids my child's age drink alcohol **at least once in a while.** (Check *one*)

1	All
2	Most (more than half)
3	About half
4	Some (fewer than half)
5	None
6	I don't know

2. At what age do you think it is OK to drink alcohol? (Check *one*)

1	12 years old or younger
2	13-16 years old
3	17-20 years old
4	21 years old or older
5	It is never OK to drink alcohol

3. Underage drinking concerns me because: (Check *all* that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am not concerned with underage drinking
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is illegal for young people to drink
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases risks for illness, injury, and death
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases risk for brain damage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases risks for unsafe sex
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases risk for many unhealthy behaviors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases violent behaviors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking increases the risk for underage drinking and driving

4. If your child wanted to get some alcoholic beverages (such as beer, wine, or liquor), how easy do you think it would be for them to get some? (Check *one*)

1	Very hard
2	Sort of hard
3	Sort of easy
4	Very easy

5. During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your children about alcohol use? (Check *one*)

1	Not at all
2	1 time
3	2-3 times
4	4-5 times
5	6 or more times

6. During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your children's friend's parents about the consequences of underage drinking? (Check *one*)

1	Not at all
2	1 time
3	2-3 times
4	4-5 times
5	6 or more times

7. How often do you know what your child is doing after school? (Check *one*)

1	Always
2	Very often
3	Sometimes
4	Rarely
5	Never

8. How much do you think youth under 21 years of age risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day? (Check *one*)

1	No Risk
2	Slight Risk
3	Moderate Risk
4	Great Risk

For the next two questions, check the one response that describes whether you think each of the following statements is true or false.

9. In Massachusetts, you cannot give alcohol to your children's friends under age 21 in your own home, even with their parents' permission. (Check *one*)

1	I Know It's False
2	I Think It's False
3	Not Sure
4	I Think It's True
5	I Know It's True

10. In Massachusetts, others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under age 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property. (Check *one*)

1	I Know It's False
2	I Think It's False
3	Not Sure
4	I Think It's True
5	I Know It's True

Check the one response in each row that best describes your opinion.

<i>Statement</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
11. All teenagers are going to drink alcohol; it's not an issue with me.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
12. It's OK for teenagers to drink in moderation.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
13. Teenagers are going to drink and there's nothing I can do about it.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
14. It's OK to allow teenagers to drink alcohol on special occasions.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
15. It's OK to allow teenagers to drink at home.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
16. I think underage drinking is a problem.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
17. My child would never drink alcohol without my permission.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
18. It's a waste of time to talk to my child about underage drinking because they wouldn't listen anyway.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
19. There is no need for me to talk with my child about underage drinking because they don't drink.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

Check the response that best reflects how likely you are to do each of the following things.

<i>How likely are you to...?</i>	<i>Not At All Likely</i>	<i>Not Very Likely</i>	<i>Somewhat Likely</i>	<i>Most Likely</i>	<i>Very Likely</i>
20. Lock up alcohol in your home	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
21. Monitor the amount of alcohol in your home	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
22. Not let your child go to a party where there is alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
23. Prohibit teenagers from drinking in your home	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
24. Not leave your child unsupervised after school	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
25. Be a part of a parent network to reduce underage drinking	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

Please check the response that best describes you and your family.

26. What is your gender? _____

27. What is your race/ethnicity? (Check *all* that apply)

- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ White
☐ Black/African-American
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ Haitian
☐ Portuguese
☐ Brazilian
☐ Other: (specify) _____

28. What grade in school are your children currently enrolled?

Child #1 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Child #2 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Child #3 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Child #4 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Child #5 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Child #6 Grade: _____ Gender: _____

29. What sources of information most influence your decisions at home? (Check *all* that apply)

- ☐ Pamphlets/Brochures
☐ Workshops
☐ TV/Radio advertisements
☐ Physician
☐ Church leader
☐ Community leader
☐ Other: (specify): _____

30. What would be the best way(s) to help you prevent underage drinking? (Check *all* that apply)

- ☐ Pamphlets/Brochures
☐ Workshops
☐ TV/Radio advertisements
☐ Other: (specify): _____

31. What is your zip code? _____